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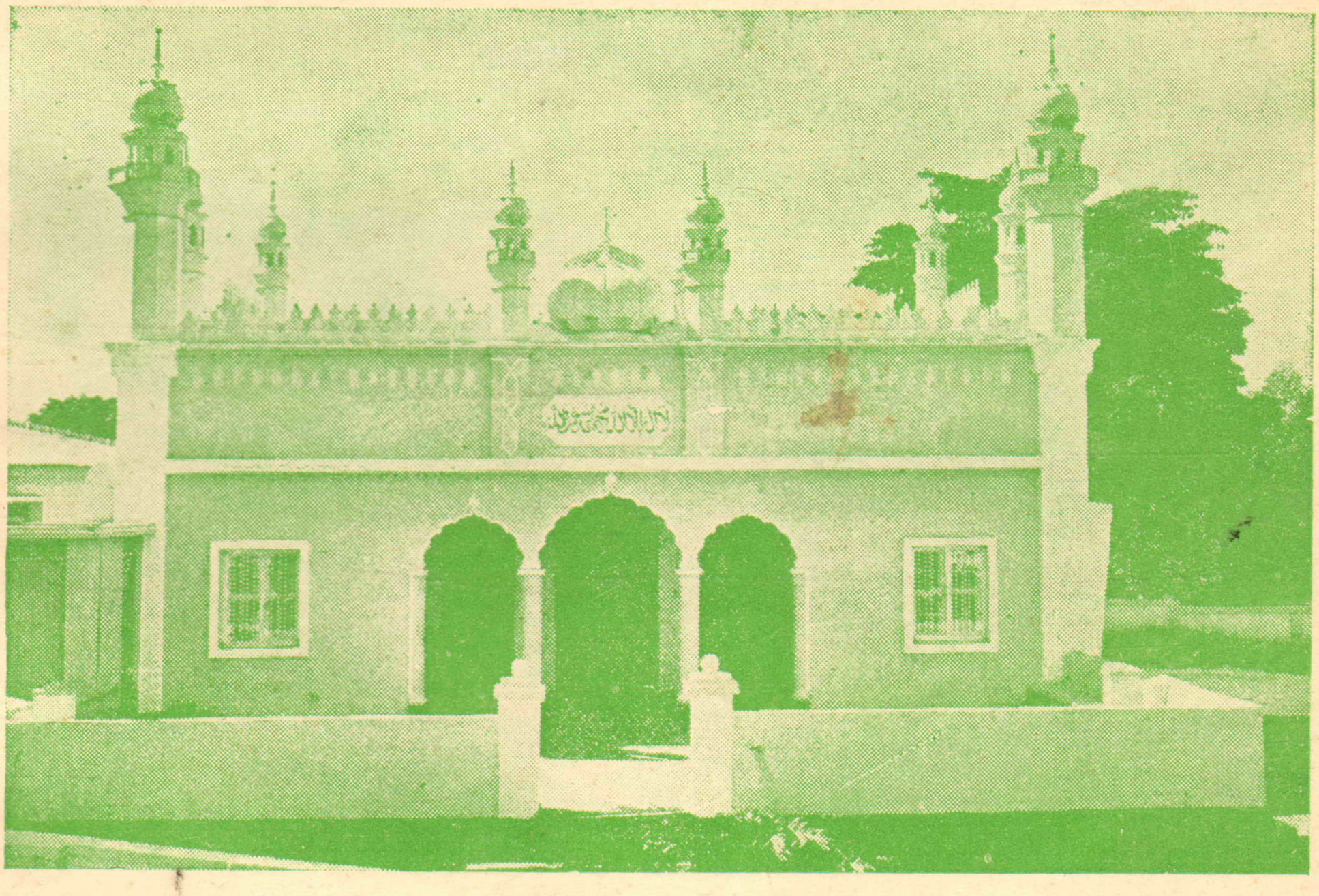

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NOTES & COMMENTS

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Appreciation

A renowned Sikh leader, Mr. Harbhajan Ji, Principal of the Sikh Shaheed Missionary College, Amritsar, India, has contributed an article to a newspaper (Qaumi Dard) in which he has highly praised the efforts of the Ahmadiyya Community in preaching and presenting Islam to all the peoples of the world. Having mentioned the names of the countries and branches of the Missions Mr. Harbhajan says that the Founder of the Community would be quite justified to say that the day was not far when there would be only one religion (Islam) and only one leader (The Holy Prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of God be upon him).

Part-time Dedication

A few days ago Maulana Abul Ata, Naib Nazir Islaho Irshad (Tarbiyat) told Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III that some people were hesitant to go out for the teaching and preaching programme under the Scheme of Waqfi Aarzi during the month of Ramazan. Hazrat Sahib said that that must be due to some misunderstanding. The month of fasting is such that we should learn and teach the Holy Quran more than the rest of the year. He stressed the point that instead of hesitating people should go for part time teaching and preaching programme more than before during this month. His instruction that those who go to conduct this programme should cook their own meals and in no case accept the meals from others has now been relaxed for the duration of the month of Ramazan. During this month, they can ask some one to cook their meals but they must pay for it from their own pockets.

Tarawih Prayer

The Nazir Islaho Irshad has made arrangements for twentyeight Jamaats that they should get a Hafiz (one who knows the whole of Holy Quran by heart) each to lead them in Tarawih prayers.

There is a Hafiz class at Rabwah (as also at some other places in Pakistan) where the students are made to memorise the Holy Quran. With the grace of God the number of such people who know the Holy Quran by heart is increasing rapidly.

TIME, the weekly newsmagazine of America in its issue for December 9, says:

Consensus Theory

"The root source of a modern Christian morality says Roman Catholic Bishop Francis Simons of Indore, India is not so much the Bible or natural law as the consensus of what constitute 'the good or welfare of man, in society and individually. In the current issue of the U. S. Theological quarterly *Cross Currents*, Dutch born Bishop Simons uses his consensus theory to propose a radical revision of ethics that would make certain violations of generally accepted moral principles reasonable exceptions to the rule rather than sinful inconsistencies."

Simon believes that Jesus did not impose any detailed code of behaviour and therefore there is no question of basing morals on teaching of the Bible.

According to Bishop Simons the Catholic church's inflexibility in condemning remarriage after divorce is also not in accord with the modern view of human welfare. He also believes that all efforts must be made to

prevent divorce but that it would be better to permit remarriage in case of deserted spouses who cannot live a life of continence.

When he is asked if his conclusions are not startling, he admits that they are, especially coming from a Catholic Bishop but adds "They are offered as a more faithful rendering of basic Catholic doctrines, which teach that God made everything on earth for the sake of man, that he imposed laws only for man's good, and that love is fulfillment of the law."

A Sierra Leone Ahmadi addressed the following letter to the local press :

He Was Right to express his Views But....

Dear Editor—Permit me to make a few observations on the letter published under the caption "Islam is a cheap religion" in the issue of Daily Mail, October, 25.

The Reverend Kamara was right to express his views on "Islam and Christianity." But he has got no right to use obscene language against the religion whose followers are more than seventy percent in the country

The use of SLBS and SLTV should be confined to expounding the beauties of one's religion without making any derogatory comments against any other religion.

If any Reverend or Alpha wishes to speak on religion he should support his assertion by quoting the divine scriptures which he believes, instead of quoting G.B. Shaw or the Philosophy of German Kant or Goete. That is, indeed, not religion.

It has been observed also that the activities of the Muslim faith are not given much publicity as that of Christianity. For instance, sermons preached in various Churches on Sunday are, of course, a routine matter but the gist of their sermons is announced on the SLBS.

I do not grudge this publicity, but I am at a loss to understand why if the very sermons are preached from the pulpit in the Mosques their summary is not being broadcast on the SLBS.

I feel it is the fault of the Muslims who do not send in the summary of their sermons for broad cast to the SLBS.

My humble advice to the over-zealous Reverend is to make a thorough study of one's religion before speaking for or against any other religion.

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Once I and Doctor Azeez Ahmad of Pakistan, then employed in Lady Elizabeth Hospital Covington, Kentucky State, went to the Bible Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Doctor introduced me to the reception staff and explained to them the purpose of our visit which was to see the various departments of the institution. A young man was detailed to show us around. He was a Bachelor of Divinity which degree he had obtained not long before our visit. He was a staunch and en thusiastic Christian. First he took us to the library and requested us to be seated in the chairs for a while. We did. Then he started conversation in the manner preacher does with persons of different faiths with a view to converting them. "I have some Egyptian Muslim friends", the young man said, "who usually say that there is not much difference between Islamic and Christian beliefs. I do not agree with them because our basic difference is that Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, suffered and died on the Cross and thus he took away the sins of mankind whereas the Muslims do not believe in the suffering of Christ and his death on the Cross". At this I asked the young man, "Did Jesus really die on the Cross? If so, this is news to me." "Of course he died on the Cross", he retorted. When I asked him to show us where it was written, he began to relate to us first the plan of salvation as was taught to him. He based his argument on Chapter 53 Isaiah. As soon as he finished his argument, I requested him to re-examine the chapter in the light of my explanation which was as follows :

I read out the following verse :

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him, he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin. he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." *Isaiah 53 : 10*

"According to the above verse", I continued, "the Prophet Isaiah makes a clear prophecy that Jesus will not die on the Cross. He will however, receive some bruises and will be put to some grief. The people will mistakenly consider that Jesus Christ gave his life as an offering for sin. In actual fact he will be saved, live long, marry and have children. If this explanation is not correct, then what does the phrase, 'he shall prolong his days' indicate ?"

On hearing the above explanation, the young man was dumbfounded and said that he was never taught that type of explanation before. He did not dare argue any further. We availed of this opportunity to preach our faith to him.

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Once I went to the 'KNOX COLLEGE' in Canada Here the Christian scholars study for years and get their Ph.D. degrees in theology. I met one of the Professors named Doctor Hay. I do not remember his initials. He showed me around. After a while he requested me to be seated in his office where he talked to me on various topics. During the course of his conversation, he told me that his duties were to teach the students the interpretation of the Bible. I asked him, "Can you really interpret the Bible ?" "Of course, I can" he replied. I read out verbatum the following verses of the Bible and asked him to interpret them for me :

".....An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the

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Rabwah Diary

Good News

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih III told the people gathered in the Masjid Mubarak for the Maghrib prayer on the lst of November that most of the members of the Lahore party (who had cut themselves off from the main body on the occasion of the election of the second Khilafat) in India had now joined our Jamaat. It is a matter of great joy for all of us because they are our brothers and sisters who had been lost to us for one reason or the other. Now they have come back to be the true followers of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him.

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Hazrat Sahib also told people that Mr. Mukhtar Ahmad Ayaz had been running a school in East Africa. Though this school had been opened through the efforts of the Community, it was Mr. Ayaz who struggled hard to put it on a sound footing. The school has now been handed over to the Mission and Mr. Ayaz is trying to start another school. The plan of the school has been approved and its foundation has been laid.

The very day that the foundation was being laid there arose another occasion of joy also. And that was that a certain member of the Community Mr. Zakariya Kazeto who had been taken into custody during the Kabaka trouble, was unconditionally released. On being released Mr. Kazeto went straight to the site of the school where the foundation was being laid.

Though Mr. Kazeto is not a highly educated person yet he has been of immense help in the translation of the Holy Quran into Lugundi, the local language of the area.

At this very sitting, Hazrat Sahib asked the membrs of the Jamaat to pray for Maulana Ghulam Ahmad (our Missionary in the Gambia) who has been ill for quite some time.

Scientists visit Rabwah

Some delegates attending the 8th Annual Scientific Society of Pakistan, Layallpur, visited Rabwah also. They were shown round by Prof. Dr. Nasir. Ahmad Khan, Head of the Physics Department. These delegates were glad to see the T.I. College and the new building (in progress) of the proposed University. They also attended the Bazm-i-Urdu of the T.I. College.

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sign of prophet Jonas ; For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth". *Matthew 12:39,40.*

It did not take him long to understand what I was getting at. He at once remarked that in case of a simile it was not necessary that every aspect of its one part should be similar to the other. I said, "Alright, in that case let us examine these verses in the light of your beliefs". I read the verses again by adding the words now shown in brackets :

> ".....An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas : For as Jonas was three days and three nights (alive) in the whale's belly ; so shall the Son of man be (dead) three days and three nights in the heart of the earth".

"Do you think this sounds right ?", I asked Doctor Hay. He was puzzled and said," If I cannot interpret one or two verses of the Bible, so what !".

Doctrinal Deadwood

The original sin, the sonship of Jesus Christ. virgin birth, Jesus's death on the cross, resurrection from the dead, redemption of sin through belief in the blood of the Son of God, and Jesus's ascension to the skies, have been the main features of Chritianity in the past. At one time or the other stress has been laid on one or the other of these beliefs. But now the time has come that all of them are being put to the test of truth and all of them are crumbling under the heavy burden of impartial research. And God so good that it is the Christian theologians themselves who are doing the job.

The sonship of Jesus Christ which raises him to the pedestal of Godhead has always been hinged on his virgin birth. But virgin birth has had two shocks in the recent past. One, that Jesus was not born to a virgin and two, that virgin birth is not a unique event. History records a number of cases of virgin birth. Modern medical science also agrees with the fact that virgin birth can take place anywhere and at any time. In 1955, a husband wrote to the Sunday Pictorial (London) (20.11.1955) that six months after his marriage he fell ill and had to go to the sanitorium where he stayed for one year. On his return he was told by his wife that she had become pregnant without the agency of any human being. The Pictorial published the letter and invited the medical men as well as others to help in solving the riddle. One theory put forward by many medical men was "that the child born in this way is really a delayed identical twin of the mother." One person—Mr. F. C. Tidbury of Guildford—Surrey, said, "When I was in South Africa some years ago I attended a native meeting on the subject of virgin birth. The natives said they have proved among themselves that this was possible."

On the 18th of December, 1955, the Sunday Pictorial wrote "Nineteen women out of the millions who read the Sunday Pictorial report on virgin birth came forward to say "This is my daughter. I believe she was born to me by virgin birth. No man was involved."

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The Reuter reported in September 1960 (published in Daily Service, Lagos of 13. 9.1960) that "A woman doctor said here that a girl could become pregnant while still a virgin, and added "through the ages there have been a great many virgin births."

Recently TIME (11. 11. 1966), the Weekly newsmagazine of America said, "With the exception of Pike, theological and Church leaders take it as their duty not to discredit publicly the literal understanding of the virgin birth, but many of them hold that the doctrine is essentially a myth meaning not a story that is untrue but a story that conveys a poetic truth more majestic and significant than mere fact."

TIME also said, "The Resurrection of Christ is another church teaching that theologians today are inclined to interpret not as meaning a reconglomeration of atoms in a cadaver but as the Apostles' unique and mysterious awareness of who Christ was and what he signified."

Also, "The classic instance is the doctrine of original sin and the story of man's fall. The account of Eden in Genesis is not to be taken literally. Adam is a symbol of man in general rather than a specific person, and the forbidden

fruit was clearly a most imaginary apple.'

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As for the death of Jesus Christ on the cross, it has now been repudiated in many ways. One of them : through the discovery of the linen sheets in which he was wrapped and put in the sepulchre. The German scholars have made great research on it and come to he conclusion that Jesus when taken down from the cross was yet alive.

We could go on and on like that and show that every belief of the Christians has been assailed by the Christians themselves and has been repudiated. Pike has called Trinity "A Committee God" and dogmas of Christianity "An Excess luggage". He very much wishes that Christianity be demythologised.

"Christianity is not likely to survive bynexcessive literalism or by the idolizatio of out dated formulas. The experience fchurch history is that every definition is a spiritual agony—man's ever impossible attempt to capture infinite mystery in finite words." Time 11.11.1966

The fact is that new trends in Christendom have uprooted almost every belief that was planted in the hearts of the people by those who came after Jesus and sowed tares in the field.

Recently Time (6.3.64) said, "Individually and collectively, the Cambridge Theologians are involved in that one of their fans, Bishop John Robinson (Honest to God) calls "a moral and intellectual spring cleaning of Christianity Their aim is to clear the way for a purified, relevant Christian faith, for modern man, and in the interests of stripping away doctrinal deadwood they are willing to question even fundamental premises of the faith : Is God personal ? Was Jesus divine ? Is the morality of the Church immutable ?"

A British cleric and scholar Samuel George Frederick Brandon "has some iconoclastic ideas about the evolution of the Christian understanding of destiny. In effect he argues that the form in which that understanding came down to the present day is largely the result of an accident of history—the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D.70. The Christian teaching that a Saviour God redeemed sinful man by his death on the cross and will return at the end of history to judge the world, he points out, contains echoes of Greek, Jewish and Egyptian teaching. Time 7.9.1962.

His views are contained in his book : Man and his destiny in he Great Religions.

The fact is that Christianity of today is not what it has been in the past and the Christianity of future is definitely not going to be what it is today. Thanks to the Christian theologians and scholars, the deadwood is being laid off. What will be left after that will be very much near the true Christianity that Christ—a prophet of God—taught the Jews for whom he had been raised in the world.

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